

INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: Post-Deployment Health Reassessment (PDHRA) Implementation
Plan Military Organizational Responsibilities

1. Purpose. To delineate roles and responsibilities of OTSG and other organizations in the PDHRA implementation process

2. Facts.

a. Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (OSD-HA) directed the initiation of the Post-Deployment Health Reassessment on 10 March 2005 in a memorandum addressed to the Assistant Secretary for Manpower and Reserve Affairs (ASA-M&RA). This memo established a suspense for the Services to begin reassessments by 10 June 2005. OSD-HA and M&RA established working groups to implement the guidance. The M&RA and OSD-HA working groups included M&RA and OTSG participants.

b. From March 2005 through June 2005 these groups worked to develop a PDHRA implementation plan and supporting budget. The Surgeon General responded through M&RA to OSD-HA on 10 June 2005 that the Army required \$7XM and could initiate the program on 1 September 2005 if adequate funding were provided.

c. On 15 June 2005 M&RA reinvigorated the working group by bringing on consulting assistance charged with developing three alternative plans and a new supporting budget. The alternative plan approved by M&RA leadership on 21 July 2005 designated the responsibilities across the Army:

(1) ASA-M&RA - Establish program policy, program oversight, and obtain the necessary funding to support the Army Plan

(2) OTSG/MEDCOM - Coordinate all medical policy and support associated with the PDHRA screening process

(3) United States Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) – Plan, implement, and execute the PDHRA screening for all FORSCOM units

(4) Assistant Chief of Staff, Installation Management (ACSIM). Installation Management Agency – Coordinate activities at installations to ensure installation capacity issues are identified and resolved.

(5) The Director of the Army National Guard; Chief, Army Reserve; Human Resources Command; Physical Disability Agency; all Major Army Commands (MACOMs) and unit Commanders were specified responsibilities to implement the PDHRA across the Army.

d. The Army PDHRA implementation plan, as coordinated with OTSG, selected and funded the Fort Hood/Darnell Army Medical Center as the active duty pilot site. This site began screening on 18 August 2005. The first site visit to assess process was conducted 8 September 2005. Schoefield Barracks is being assessed as the site for a second pilot to assess information management utilizing MEDPROS which can be augmented throughout the country as opposed to MEDBASE, which is being used by Fort Hood and is limited to the Great Plains region. Director, Army National Guard designated the 39th BCT and Chief, Army Reserve designated the 88th RRC for pilots with guidance from OTSG. These pilots should begin in November 2005. Staff assistance site visits are projected. Educational materials are being developed, to include "Re-setting 'Battlemind'" by Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. COL Cordts was the POC for OTSG prior to recent deployment. COL Kerchief is the current POC. COL Kennison is the project officer.

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